

NARA-NGC-2019-000127 has been processed with the following final disposition: No Records.

December 20, 2018

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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request NGC19-098

Dear Ms. Cafasso:

This is a response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 20, 2018 that we received in our office on the same date via foia@nara.gov. We assigned your request the above internal tracking number in addition to a FOIAonline tracking number NARA-NGC-2019-000127. In your request, you asked for:

All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, voicemail transcripts, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, WhatsApp, Signal, Facebook or Twitter Direct Messages), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between (a) NARA and (b) any person at the White House Office, including any person whose email address ends in @who.eop.gov, discussing, concerning, or related to the preservation of any emails sent or received by Ivanka Trump (or alternatively styled "Ivanka Kushner") using a private email account to conduct government business, including but not limited to correspondence regarding preservation obligations under the Presidential Records Act. Please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2017, through the date of the search.

General Counsel Gary M. Stern explained to you and Austin Evers in recent telephone conversations that NARA does not have any responsive records that specifically address Ivanka Trump's use of personal email for government work. As he also noted, we have posted on our website communications between NARA and the White House from October 2017 that address on a more general level the issue of White House employees using personal email or other platforms for official government communications, at this link: <https://www.archives.gov/foia/pr-trump-admin>.

This completes the processing of your FOIA request to us.

If you are not satisfied with our action on this request, you have the right to file an administrative appeal within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter via regular U.S. mail or email. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. If you submit your appeal in writing, please address it to the Deputy Archivist of the United States (ND), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If you submit your appeal by e-mail please send it to FOIA@nara.gov, also addressed to the Deputy Archivist of the United States. Please be sure to explain why you believe this response does not meet the requirements of the FOIA. All correspondence should reference your case tracking number NGC19-098 and your FOIAonline tracking number.

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison Gary M. Stern for assistance at:

National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 3110
College Park, MD 20740-6001
301-837-1750
garym.stern@nara.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is noted below:

Office of Government Information Services
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8601 Adelphi Road—OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
ogis@nara.gov
ogis.archives.gov
202-741-5770
1-877-684-6448

Thank you for contacting the National Archives and Records Administration. I may also be reached directly at the number and email address below.

Sincerely,

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